



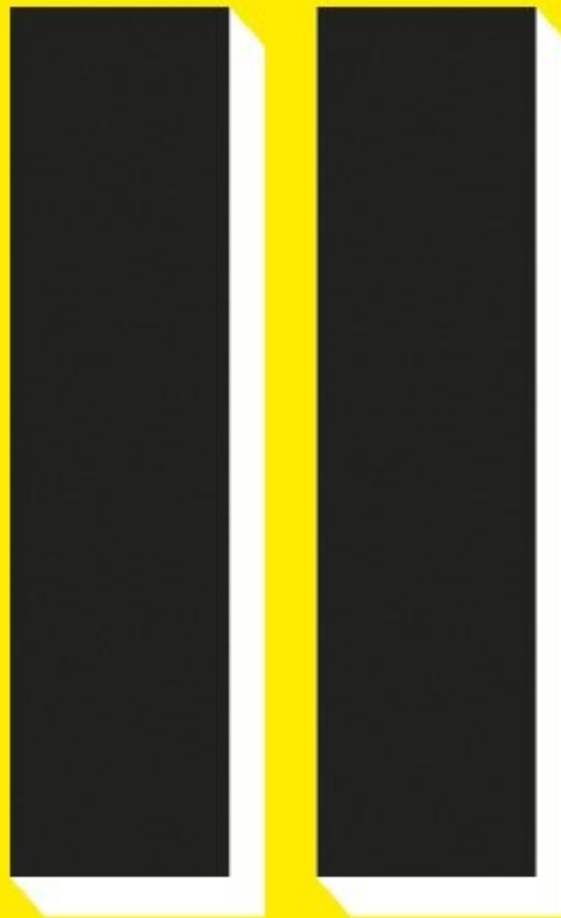
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COVID-19 RESPONSE

A Special Covid-19 Response Newsletter

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Misinformation is costing lives and prolonging the pandemic - we all have a role to play. Join us and [#PledgetoPause](#) before sharing online.

Latest news: As of 7 July 2021 over 1M vaccinations against Covid-19 have been performed in the country according to the information by the Ministry of Health and Social Protection. While the immunization



Dr Gerald Rockenschaub, Head of Country Office in Albania

process is ongoing and the infections have fallen, WHO and health authorities advise the members of public to be alert and avoid taking unnecessary risks associated with gatherings and physical distancing. WHO Albania provides continuous information and advice on public health. In an interview with Top Channel, Dr. Gerald Rockenschaub, WHO Representative and Head of Country Office in Albania, cautions the COVID-19 pandemic is not over yet and advises on the new coronavirus variants. Watch the

Primary Health Centers are instrumental in the pandemic response, as well as to maintain essential health services. The WHO Country Office in Albania is following closely the vaccination process in the country with a special focus to the role of PHCs. During a visit to a PHC and COVID-19 vaccination site in Dobraç, Shkodër the WHO representatives underlined the leading role that the PHCs should play in epidemiological surveillance and contract tracing.



WHO Albania visit at PHC Dobraç, Shkodër

In the framework of UNICEF support for the health sector, 25 health professionals from four districts of Albania (Tirane, Durres, Kavaje, Kruje) attended the first TOT conducted over a three day period, to support capacity development of health personnel for microplanning in immunization at the subnational and health center levels.



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Pandemia COVID-19 nuk ka marrë fund ende.

Ndaj **bëni gjithçka** për të qëndruar të sigurt:

- Ruani së paku 1 metër distancë nga të tjerët.
- Shmangni mjediset e mbipopulluara/mbyllura.
- Mbuloni kollitjen dhe teshtimën.
- Mbani pastër duart.
- Zbatoni udhëzimet për maskat.



PROTECTING PEOPLE

UNICEF Albania and municipality of Durres discuss on how to collaborate together in support of vulnerable young people, families and children especially in the context of Covid-19 pandemic. There is a need to build solutions for young people and strengthening of the capacities for the professionals to work with young people and children. The social care plan that started already with support of UNICEF will establish the foundations for more services.



Delivering aid to an Elderly Care Centre in Tirana. Photo: UNFPA Albania



UNICEF meeting with Durres Municipality

Covid-19 consequences have affected the vulnerable groups the most. Following a review of the situation in several maternity hospitals and social care centers, the UNFPA office Albania in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Social Protection delivered food and sanitary packages to the main maternity hospitals of Albania in 10 districts to the Older People's Home and Children's Home in Tirana. The packages were donated by Later-day Saint Charities of Albania

Parents play a fundamental role in educating the young generations. In a pandemic situation the role of parents to advising children becomes even more important to help in curbing the infections through application of protection measures. June as a UNICEF's 'Parenting Month' served as an opportunity to rally, with one voice, to scale up support to parents and caregivers to give their children the best start in life. UNICEF Albania were at #Pinoku Kindergarten at Bregu i Lumit in Tirana with mothers in a discussion and awareness raising event talking about the challenges of good parenting in a pandemic.



Delivering aid to Maternity Hospital Elbasan; Photo: UNFPA Albania



UNICEF Albania discussion and awareness raising event in Tirana suburbs area

PROTECTING PEOPLE

UNHCR Albania continues to work closely with Albanian health authorities to ensure that health care services are available to the refugees and asylum seekers who can access the Health Card, in the public hospitals for any other medical attentions required. Emergency assistance is granted to all independently of access to this card, including those arriving at borders. The Government of Albania has included refugees and asylum seekers within the national vaccination programme with same conditions that apply to the Albanian citizens.



Ms. E.F.M., a refugee from the Democratic Republic of Congo, now living in Albania. Photo TAMAL/UNHCR

I was pregnant when I sought refuge in Albania. I received all necessary medical services when my son was born at the public hospital in Tirana. I have a health card now and my son has been vaccinated with all the necessary vaccines according to his age. - Ms. E.F.M., a refugee from the Democratic Republic of Congo, now



UNHCR's Representative in Albania and partner NGO RMSA visited the vaccination centre on 18th June accompanying Mr. R.B., an eligible refugee to his vaccination. Photo: TAMAL/UNHCR

I have been living in Albania as a refugee for around twenty years now and I have never been denied of health care in the public hospitals. - Mr. R.B. a refugee age 61.

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